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At a Meeting of the Heads of Houſes. Mar. 22. 1688.

WHereas the Gowns, Capps, and Habits of all Members of this *Univerſity*, are by the Statutes of the ſame to be made and faſhioned with all exactneſs poſſible, according to certain Models and Patterns in that behalf already provided, and approved of by the Heads of Houſes, and the Convocation. And whereas a general Complaint hath been made of theſe following irregularities in Scholaſtical Habits, *viz.*

1. That many Graduats and other younger Scholars wear Mourning-Gowns without a Cauſe approved by their reſpective Governor and allowed by Mr. Vicechancellor and the Proctors.

2. That many Gentlemen-Commoners and others wear Square-Capps with Tufts that have not performed any Exerciſe in the *Theater* to entitle them thereunto.

3. That divers Under-Graduats upon pretence of being Students in the Civil Law preſume to wear a half-ſleeved-Gown and a Square-Capp that are not four years Standing in the *Univerſity* and duely enter'd upon the Law-Line.

4. That the uſe of wearing Hatts (nay even of Hatts button'd up) in publique, and Crevatt-Bands unaccuſtomed to be worn, hath of late prevailed much in the *Univerſity*, to the great Scandal of it.

Whereupon, after mature deliberation had of the præmiſſes, and of the ill effects and conſequences ſuch irregularities in Habits may produce, if not timely prevented, it was unanimouſly agreed upon, that the particular Governors ſhould take care to redreſs the wearing of ſuch unſtatuteable Habits in their reſpective Society's, and ſignify the Names of thoſe that will not be reclaimed by their Admonition to Mr. Vicechancellor that they may be puniſhed as the Statutes of the *Univerſity* in that caſe direct.

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